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SUBJECT: YEAR END ARMED FORCES CONFERENCE

REF: SEOUL 8304

1. ONE HUNDRED SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS OF ROK ARMED FORCES GATHERED DECEMBER 17 AND PLEDGED TO MAINTAIN HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PREPAREDNESS AGAINST POSSIBILITY OF NORTH KOREAN INVASION ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS. MEETING WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE SUH CHONG-CHOL AND JCS CHAIRMAN HAN SHIN, OPERATIONAL AS WELL AS HEADQUARTERS STAFF GENERALS AND ADMIRALS, "ASSESSED THOROUGHLY NORTH KOREA'S PROVOCATIVE AND CRITICAL ACTS" IN THE WEST SEA AND "ITS SPURIOUS CLAIMS" TO WATERS AROUND FIVE UNC-CONTROLLED ISLANDS. PRESS CARRIED PHOTPGRAPHS OF TOP MILITARY PAYING COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING.

2. MINISTER SUH REPORTEDLY URGED COMMANDERS TO BE ALERT TO RECENT STIFFENING OF NORTH KOREAN INTERNAL SECURITY POSTURE AND TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CONDITIONS OF ROK SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS. RESULTS OF OCTOBER REVITALIZATION  
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REFORMS MOVEMENT IN THE ARMED FORCES WERE DISCUSSED  
AND COMMANDERS PLEDGED TO COMPLETE VARIOUS PROJECTS

OF THE REVITALIZATION REFORMS.

3. COMMENT: CONFERENCE HAS BEEN PORTRAYED  
PUBLICLY AS SHOW OF MILITARY'S SOLIDARITY  
AND SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT PARK AND HIS POLICIES. AS IN  
CASE ARMY COMMANDERS CONFERENCE HELD TWO WEEKS  
EARLIER, OCCASION OF ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS  
MEETING WAS ALSO USED TO REEMPHASIZE TO CITIZENRY  
DANGERS INHERENT IN NORTHWEST COASTAL SITUATION.  
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